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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on Page 2.

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a. ☒ Previously submitted

 - ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 6, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other: _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

 - ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other: _____
- Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other: _____
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a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.138 and 1.17)
 - ☐ Other: _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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